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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 6969

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AS

SUBJ: WILFRED BURCHETT DEFAMATION SUIT

REF: SYDNEY'S 2234 NOTAL

1. NEED FOR FORMER SENATOR KANE AND DENIS WARNER UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MEETING OR ALLEGED MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND WILFRED BURCHETT IN OCT. 1971. BURCHETT HAS STATED HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY KISSINGER TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE BREAKFASTED WITH HAK WHO SOUGHT HIS ADVICE ON VIETNAM PEACE TALKS AND CHINA POLICY. EMB FILES CONTAIN ONLY BURCHETT'S VERSION (GIVEN AT DINNER PARTY MARCH 17, 1973 AT WHICH CONGEN SYDNEY OFFICER PRESENT. SYDNEY TELEGRAM, NO 738 OF MARCH 28, 1973). BURCHETT ALSO GAVE INTERVIEWS TO ABC GIVING HIS VERSION.

2. BELIEVE BURCHETT MAY INTRODUCE MEETING INTO SUIT AS EVIDENCE HIS CREDITILITY TO THE DETRIMENT OF U.S. INTERESTS. BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE U.S. VERSION OF BURCHETT/KISSINGER MEETING IN DEFENSE US INTERESTS.

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3. EMBASSY MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE KANE

AND WARNER WITH CERTIFIED COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED  
DEPT. ANSWER TO THIS MESSAGE.

4. WARNER ADVISES CASE NOW IN PROGRESS GOING WELL  
FOR DEFENDANT AND BADLY FOR BURCHETT. WITH DAMAGING  
TESTIMONY AGAINST BURCHETT BY AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH  
EX-POWS BEING GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY. TESTIMONY BY  
US EX-POWS MAY BEGIN THIS DATE. KANE ALSO  
BRINGING TWO VC DEFECTORS FROM VN.  
GREEN

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